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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT PFOR IZ IR PL
SUBJECT: KURDISH DISSIDENCE

REF: WARSAW 1254 (NOTAL)

1. IN EARLY APRIL, WITH THE ARRIVAL OF WARMER WEATHER, ELEMENTS OF THE IRAQI ARMY SUPPORTED BY RECRUITS FROM THE BAATH POPULAR ARMY ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN A CONCERTED CAMPAIGN TO COMB THE KURDISH MOUNTAINS FOR DISSIDENTS. CONCURRENTLY, GOI PLANS TO BEGIN A MAJOR ROAD-BUILDING AND COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM IN KURDISTAN. IN THE MEANTIME, LOW-LEVEL KURDISH DISSIDENT ACTIVITY CONTINUES AND IRAQI ARMY VERY MUCH IN EVIDENCE THROUGHOUT KURDISH AREA. ACCORDING TO A GENERALLY RELIABLE SOURCE FROM KIRKUK, DAILY INCIDENTS IN THE KIRKUK AREA MAKE TRAVEL TO THE NORTH AND EAST OF THE CITY EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. SOURCE REPORTED THAT IN LATE FEBRUARY TWO PLATOONS OF IRAQI ARMY WERE FORCED TO SURRENDER WITHIN A FEW MILES OF KIRKUK. MOREOVER,
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THIS INSURGENCY APPEARS TO BE MORE DESPERATE AND BRUTAL THAN EARLIER CONFLICTS WITH BAGHDAD.

2. FOREIGN MIL ATTACHE BELIEVES IDRIS BARZANI MAY BE IN KURDISTAN COOPERATING WITH TALABANI INSURGENTS. ALTHOUGH HE CREDITS TALABANI WITH PRIMARY INFLUENCE AMONG INSURGENTS, MIL ATTACHE BELIEVES BARZANIS COULD COMMIT TEN THOUSAND

ARMED FOLLOWERS TO CONFLICT.

3. POLISH AMBASSADOR CONFIRMED MARCH 14 THAT KURDISH REBELS ARE STILL HOLDING FOUR POLISH GEOLOGISTS KIDNAPPED IN NORTHERN IRAQ FOUR MONTHS AGO. HE SAID THERE HAS BEEN NO CONTACT BETWEEN ABDUCTORS AND HIS GOVERNMENT. GOI HAS ASSURED POLISH AUTHORITIES THAT IT IS TAKING ALL POSSIBLE STEPS TO GAIN THEIR RELEASE, BUT POLISH AMBASSADOR SAID HE WAS NOT INFORMED ON THE DEMANDS MADE BY THE ABDUCTORS. HE ASSUMES THAT DEMANDS ARE POLITICAL MATTERS BETWEEN KURDS AND GOI. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED ANXIETY ABOUT FATE OF HIS COMPATRIOTS AND SAID HE WOULD WELCOME RECEIPT OF ANY INFO AVAILABLE TO USG.
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